

Bulletproof Dogs Help Get Bin Laden



Image courtesy K9 Storm

When 80 Navy SEALs stormed Osama bin Laden's hideout, they weren't alone.

Cairo, their combat dog, helped to guide the way through the terrorist's Pakistan compound. He was wearing a high-tech, bulletproof vest that includes a night vision camera. The video records missions at any hour and lets the dog's handler see what the dog sees.

The vest also has audio equipment that allows him to hear his handlers and hear through concrete.

A company called K-9 Storm created the vests to protect combat dogs.

Cairo's armor costs more than \$30,000, but the SEALs who fight alongside Cairo say that it's well worth the investment to keep their brave dogs safe.

Activity – Bulletproof Reading Skills

- 1) Why do the dogs need these vest?
 - a. To look good
 - b. To make them run faster
 - c. To stay safe
 - d. To stay warm
- 2) How much do military dogs' armored vests cost?
 - a. \$30,000
 - b. Thirty thousand dollars
 - c. \$10,000 x 3
 - d. All of the above
- 3) The fourth paragraph says, "K-9 Storm created the vests to protect _____."
 - a. Navy SEALs
 - b. all animals
 - c. combat dogs
 - d. mission videos

Activity

- 5) Why does the vest have a video camera on it?
- 6) What is the title of this article?
- 7) What would be another appropriate title for this article?
- 8) What two things help the handler and dog communicate with one another?
 - a)
 - b)
- 9) What tone of this article?
 - a. Persuasive
 - b. Informative
 - c. Condemning
 - d. Humorous
- 10) Why did the author write this article?
 - a. To shed light on dog injuries in the field
 - b. To tell a brief story on dog injuries
 - c. To tell how this equipment protects combat dogs
 - d. To educate on military tactics